

## **Diane Holt**

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**From:** julianabenner@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 2:43 PM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Erik Jorgensen; Matthew Evans  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Juliana Benner

**Name:** Juliana Benner  
**Case Number:** # AVU-E-17-09  
**Email:** julianabenner@gmail.com  
**Telephone:** 2088508075  
**Address:** 1617 N 5th St  
Boise ID, 83702

**Name of Utility Company:** Avista

**Comment:** Avista is a monopoly, a Public Utility that has exclusive management of electricity. It is owned by the taxpayers who financed the building of dams and hydro-generated electricity, who have oversight and management of our God-given resource of water. The Public Utilities Commission does not own our water and power generating resources — we citizens do!  
Opposed to the sale!

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**From:** Tsseltzer@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 1:05 PM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Erik Jorgensen; Matthew Evans  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: T Scott Seltzer

**Name:** T Scott Seltzer  
**Case Number:** AVU-E-17-09  
**Email:** Tsseltzer@yahoo.com  
**Telephone:**  
**Address:** Po box 304  
St Maries Idaho , 83861

**Name of Utility Company:** Avista

**Comment:** This waste of money should not go to Avista board members but should in fact be passed back to its customers as its very obvious the company has seriously overcharged them and caused them to pay higher than necessary electrical bills. The tax payers are being financially raped here. We already have to pay way too much for utilities and taxes.

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**From:** parodyf@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2018 5:05 PM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Erik Jorgensen; Matthew Evans  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Fran Parody

Name: Fran Parody  
Case Number: AVU-G-17-05  
Email: parodyf@yahoo.com  
Telephone: 2087735445  
Address: 4970 E SHORELINE DR  
Post Falls ID, 83854

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: I attended the public meeting you held in Coeur d Alene and I have submitted at least three of these comments to you. I can't remember anyone at the hearing in favor of this buy-out; and I'm sure you're getting plenty of unfavorable comments, like mine, about it.

I heard a few days ago that Premier Ford 'fired' the Hydro One CEO as well as the entire Hydro One Board.

You must know Hydro One's financial situation (near bankruptcy), and you must know the ridiculously HIGH rates Ontarions are paying for electricity. As Mr. Ford said in his press conference, "...people tell me it's either eat or heat" -- they can't afford both.

You know all of this, yet the front page of our Post Falls Press Thursday 7-12 quoted Avista as saying "We remain focused on serving our customers, communities, employees and shareholders." How stupid do you think we are?? If you're so "committed," why are you even still considering this? Maybe you all ought to move to Washington D.C. and join that swamp!

Please do not approve this merger!!

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**From:** mhamilton7@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2018 5:24 PM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Erik Jorgensen; Matthew Evans  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Michael Hamilton

**Name:** Michael Hamilton  
**Case Number:**  
**Email:** mhamilton7@yahoo.com  
**Telephone:** 2087726491  
**Address:**  
Hayden ID, 83835

**Name of Utility Company:** Avista  
**Comment:** I object to HydroOne acquiring Avista Corp.

**Unique Identifier:** 107.77.165.9

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**From:** charcolmef@juno.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 10:33 AM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Erik Jorgensen; Matthew Evans  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Marianne Fernandez

**Name:** Marianne Fernandez  
**Case Number:** AVU-E-17-09  
**Email:** charcolmef@juno.com  
**Telephone:** 2087720342  
**Address:** 1447 E LOCH HAVEN DR  
HAYDEN LAKE ID, 83835

**Name of Utility Company:** Avista

**Comment:** If nothing else, the potential for continuing turnover at the CEO level and board of directors for hydroOne will divert attention from operations. This is not great even if they say that avista will have minimum interaction with them. the debt load of hydro one " At March 31, 2018, Hydro One Inc. had \$989 million in commercial paper borrowings outstanding, compared to \$926 million outstanding at December 31, 2017. In addition, the Company has revolving bank credit facilities totalling \$2,550 million maturing in 2021 and 2022." is why they want avista. Avista is not going to truly find benefit with this.

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**From:** torjala@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 11:04 AM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Erik Jorgensen; Matthew Evans  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Thomas Orjala

**Name:** Thomas Orjala  
**Case Number:** # AVU-E-17-09  
**Email:** torjala@gmail.com  
**Telephone:** 2087041985  
**Address:** 782 South Ruby Road  
Coeur d' Alene ID, 83814

**Name of Utility Company:** Avista

**Comment:** I am strongly opposed to this sale going through. It will be a huge disservice to our community and is not needed or desired.

**Unique Identifier:** 205.173.79.102

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To Whom It May  
Concern

This article proves  
that Hydrex One  
is not a company  
we want in Idaho.

Please do not  
allow the purchase  
of Arista by this  
dirt of the USA  
company.

Maggie Lyon  
Crescent Lake, ID

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# Resignations rock Hydro One

## No word on possible impact of Avista sale

By JUDD WILSON  
Staff Writer

**COEUR D'ALENE** — Half of the architects behind the Avista-Hydro One sale are gone. Fulfilling his oft-repeated promise made on the campaign trail, new Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced Wednesday the immediate resignation of Hydro One

CEO Mayo Schmidt and the subsequent resignations of the entire Hydro One board of directors. Hydro One is Ontario's largest electricity transmission and distribution company. The provincial government owns 47.4 percent of the company, according to the Ontario Ministry of Energy.

The proposed \$5.3 billion cash sale of local energy provider Avista to Toronto-based Hydro One ran into heavy opposition at a June 14 public meeting in Coeur

d'Alene. The scene was repeated at similar meetings in Moscow and Sandpoint, and via letters to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

What impact the Hydro One housecleaning might have on the proposed purchase of Avista is anybody's guess. An Avista representative issued a brief statement Wednesday expressing surprise at the resignations and adding, "We are monitoring developments at Hydro One and wish Mayo Schmidt well. We remain focused on serving

our customers, communities, employees and shareholders."

Schmidt was brought into Hydro One from the private sector when the company made its initial public offering in 2015, and had led the charge to acquire Avista. In an interview with Bloomberg News on Nov. 21, 2017, Schmidt revealed that he intended to purchase multiple energy companies in the U.S. Northwest.

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Hydro One chief financial officer Paul Dobson will serve as interim CEO until a new board of directors is appointed and a new CEO hired, the company said in a press release Wednesday. The company plans on having a new board of directors in place by Aug. 15.

Schmidt will not receive severance but was granted a one-time \$400,000 lump sum, explained the press release. Ford had labeled Schmidt "The Six-Million Dollar Man" on account of his \$6.2 million salary.

In addition to slashing high executive pay, Ford had vowed during the campaign to reduce Hydro One's prices by 12 percent "so people don't have to choose between heating their homes

or putting food on the table."

In an official statement Wednesday, Ontario Energy Minister Greg Rickford explained that the province's new leadership had been elected "on a promise to lower electricity bills for the people of Ontario." He added, "After years of rising electricity bills, this is a step towards our main goal — bringing down electricity rates for all Ontarians."